

SCHOOL NUTRITION TEAM - Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction - School Nutrition Bulletin #9, January 10, 2017

Announcements from WI DPI School Nutrition Team:

- USDA Policy Memorandum SP 15-2017: Flexibility for the Target 2 Sodium Requirements for School Year 2017-2018
- ServSafe Certification Course in Spanish from DPI, February 21
- Review your 2015-16 Child Nutrition Program Report
- Visit our Booth at WASB on January 18 and 19
- Wisconsin selected for Participation in the USDA Demonstration Project to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid

USDA Policy Memorandum SP 15-2017: Flexibility for the Target 2 Sodium Requirements for School Year 2017-2018.

This memo informs us that the USDA has determined that the research done to complete the 2015 Dietary Guidelines is sufficient to support the lower sodium target to begin July 1, 2017.

FNS will implement the Target 2 requirements for school meals effective July 1, 2017, as required by current regulations. SFAs are expected to comply with these requirements. SFAs that are prepared to meet or have already begun to meet Target 2 requirements are encouraged to begin or continue implementation during SY 2017-2018. However, for SY 2017-2018, SFAs that are working toward compliance with Target 2 but not yet fully in compliance will not incur fiscal action during administrative reviews.

FNS is extending a flexibility to SFAs during SY 2017-2018, State agencies have been instructed to consider a SFA compliant with the sodium requirements if the SFA meets Target 1 requirements, regardless of whether or not the Target 2 requirements are met. As a reminder, the sodium limit applies to the average meal offered during the school week, not to individual food items or meals. Additionally, State agencies should not reconsider or recertify any SFAs already certified as eligible to receive the 6 cent reimbursement to determine compliance with Target 2. In lieu of assessing fiscal action for not meeting Target 2 requirements, State agencies are encouraged to maintain an open dialogue during the review process and to provide collaborative technical assistance that includes an action plan with reasonable timeframes to achieve and maintain compliance with the dietary specifications for sodium.

ServSafe Certification Course in Spanish from DPI in Milwaukee – Curso de ServSafe en Espanol, Febrero 21

Please forward this information to Food Service Directors and staff who are interested in a Manager Food Safety Course in Spanish. It is required that newly hired Food Service

Managers/Directors pass a food safety course. Additionally, one person in each School Food Authority must hold a food safety certificate, such as ServSafe. **Una excelente oportunidad – Curso de ServSafe en [Espanol](#), Febrero 21, 2017, 8AM – 4PM, Milwaukee WI.** An excellent opportunity – the ServSafe Manager Course and Exam is being offered in Spanish by WI Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Team. Course instruction, materials, and exam are in Spanish. During this 8 hour course, we will review the 6th edition ServSafe Manager book and take a multiple choice exam. Course and exam material are in Spanish. In order to take the exam, participants must bring a photo ID. The cost is \$79 or \$38 for exam only. Click here to [Register Today!](#) Questions? Please contact Molly Gregory at 608-267-9276; molly.gregory@dpi.wi.gov.

Review your 2015-16 Child Nutrition Program Report

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/child-nutrition-report-manual-2015.pdf>

This is a good time to review your Child Nutrition Program Report for school year 2015-16. Log in to [Online Services](#), click "School Nutrition Programs", "Reports", "Child Nutrition Program", Select Report Year "2015 - 2016" from the drop down. If you find discrepancies in figures for a program you administer, please contact Jacqueline Jordee at 608-267-9134 or Jacqueline.jordee@dpi.wi.gov.

Visit the DPI School Nutrition Booth at WASB on January 18 and 19

If you are attending the Wisconsin Association of School Boards conference in Milwaukee on January 18 and 19, don't forget to stop by the DPI School Nutrition booth (booth #1024) in the conference exhibit hall. We have important updates and strategies for a healthy bottom line. We'll be sharing new information about:

- Professional Standards and Goal Oriented Achievement Learning skills (GOALs), which is a sequence of resources and training opportunities from DPI for Wisconsin school nutrition professionals to obtain training and find resources that meet regulations for new USDA Professional Standards.
- School Nutrition Accountability Software (SNACS), an efficient, effective, and free software option from DPI for effective school nutrition program management without expensive software.
- Purchasing strategies to comply with USDA regulations and result in a healthy school nutrition fund.

Several DPI school nutrition team staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance on USDA regulations. We look forward to meeting you!

Wisconsin Selected for Participation in the USDA Demonstration Project to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid

DPI is pleased to announce that USDA has approved Wisconsin's application to participate in the demonstration project to evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid starting in the 2017-18 school year. Eligible children will be directly certified for free or reduced price school meals based on income and participation information received from Medicaid agencies through automated data matching processes, with no further action required of the household.

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